



Memo

To: Park Board
From: Park and Recreation Staff
Date: June 12, 2014
Subject: Monthly Update

Following are department highlights for May and early June for your review.

1. Kathy McPeck reported the following for Recreation/Events and Administration:

Fun and Fit at Columbus Gymnastic Center:

- a. Open gym numbers are lower for May as we missed several sessions due to closure for After Prom, the Memorial Day weekend and a week for maintenance/facility cleaning. Open Gym numbers for May were:
 - Pre-school (including MOMS Club and MOPS program): 398
 - Family Open Gym (Th. & Sat. Sessions): 107
 - Ages 7-up: 64
- b. We will again be having the Tumbling Only Open Gym on Saturday mornings during the summer from 9:45-10:45am beginning on June 7th. It will continue through Aug. 16. Cost is \$3 per person. This open gym is for those gymnasts and cheerleaders who want to practice tumbling and gymnastics skills. This open gym is not for indoor play.
- c. Camps for June:
 - Cheer Camp for ages 3-5, June 17-19 from 2:00-3:00pm
 - Cheer Camp for ages 9-12, June 23-26, 2:00-3:30pm
 - Tumbling Camp for ages 8-15, June 30-July 2, 2:00-3:30pm
- d. More than 50 parents and children participated in the special open gym rental for ABC Stewart School on May 16.
- e. **A BIG THANK YOU!!! to FFY maintenance staff for their hard work in cleaning the Gymnastics Center and getting us ready to start the summer all clean and shiny!!**
- f. Children from the "Come Out & Play" supervised playground program visited for a field trip on June 12 from 2-4pm.
- g. We had 20 children from Faith Lutheran pre-school visit on May 6.
- h. Parkside Pre-K brought 29 kids to visit. They brought a morning group on May 12th and a group in the afternoon on May 13th.
- i. Little Lambs Day Care had a summer visit on Tuesday, June 10th from 10-11am.
- j. Teens from the Boys/Girls' Club are visiting on June 9, 23 and 30th.
- k. Camps for July include:
 - Tumbling Camp for ages 5-7, July 7-10
 - Cheer Camp for ages 6-8, July 14-17
 - Gymnastics Camp for ages 5-7, July 21-24

Recreation – Programs:

- a. The FREE "Come Out & Play" supervised playground program will be held from June 9-July 25, M-F from 1:30-4:30pm. Sites included for summer 2014 are: Pence St. Park, 9th St. Park, Morningside Park, Blackwell Park/Parkside School and Harrison Ridge Park. (Harrison Ridge Park will be on-site M-W from 1:30-4:30pm). All playground sites will

have a field trip on Thursdays to various locations such as Donner Pool, Columbus Gymnastics Center, Columbus Bowling Center and Columbus Skateland. BCSC food service dept. will serve lunch at 9th St., Pence St. and Morningside Parks again this summer.

- b. Day Camps for June include:
 - Camp SuperKids - June 16-20 for ages 8-12, 9am-3pm at Ceraland
 - Project: D*R*A*M*A - June 23-27 for ages 10-14, 9am-3:30pm at North High School Auditorium, co-sponsored with the North Theater and Choral Departments
 - Disney Days - June 23-27 for ages 3-4 (9-11:30am) and ages 5-7 (1:30-4:30pm) at Donner Center
 - Super Sitters & MORE for ages 11-up will be held June 30-July 3 from 2-4pm at Donner Center.
- c. The Special Swim program (adapted aquatics instruction) for children and teens will begin on Tuesday, June 10th at Donner Pool and continue for 7 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Two classes will be held, one from 10:15-11:30am and the other from 11:45am-1pm.

Recreation – Events:

- a. Columbus Symphony Orchestra held their annual summer concert at Mill Race Park on Sunday, June 8 at 7:30pm.
- b. The annual “Battle of the Bands” sponsored by Teen Council, Parks & Recreation, Columbus Area Arts Council and Foundation for Youth will be held on Saturday, June 14 at Mill Race Park. Bands will be competing for a prize package, with the highlight being the winner will open for the Hospice benefit concert at Mill Race on Aug. 30 with national band “Kansas”!
- c. The Donner Variety Show series is back for 2014!!! The first of 4 FREE events will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 7:00-9:00pm at Donner Park shelterhouse. The shows are co-sponsored with Kiwanis Club of Columbus and 1010 WCSI radio.
- d. The Noon Kids Concerts will be held on June 12 and 19 at Donner shelter house at 12N. June 12th will feature the Silly Safari’s animal show and June 19th will feature magician Doug Jave. Noon Kids Concerts are FREE and are co-sponsored by Parks & Recreation and Columbus Area Arts Council.
- e. FREE Fun Days will be held on Friday, June 20 and June 27 at Donner Center from 1:30-3:00pm. June 20th is “Over, Under & Around the Sea” with a puppet show by Adzooks Puppets and then games and crafts after the show. June 27 is “Disney Day” with a Disney themed show and games/crafts after. Snack will be served at both events. All children must be accompanied by an adult for the Fun Days.
- f. The annual “Juneteenth” celebration, sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP, will be held on Saturday, June 28 at the River Vista shelter at Mill Race Park.

2. Mark Jones reported the following for the Sports and Athletic Facility Team:

Programs/Tournaments:

- a. Youth Baseball continues.
- b. Adult Spring Kickball tournament has started.
- c. Adult Soccer summer season continues.
- d. Adult Summer Volleyball continues.
- e. Youth Fastpitch season starts mid-June.
- f. Youth Fall Soccer registration has started.
- g. Lincoln Park Batting Cages are going strong.
- h. Lincoln/Clifty concessions are doing well.
- i. Youth Sports Camps have started.
- j. BCSC Fastpitch season ended. Lincoln Park hosted the Girls Sectionals.
- k. BCSC Baseball has ended.
- l. CSA (Columbus Softball Assoc.) summer season continues.

- m. Rugby spring season ended.
- n. Express spring season ended and 2014 fall tryouts were held the week of June 9.
- o. BCSC Soccer season is upon us and we are working with North/East to schedule practice and games at our facility.
- p. Working with Tipton Lakes Athletic Club on their upcoming Tennis Tournament.
- q. Tournaments:
 - o USFA Fastpitch – 68 teams
 - o GameDay Baseball – 55 teams
 - o USFA Fastpitch State – 202 teams
- r. Working on 2015 tournament schedule.

Athletic Facilities:

- a. Day-to-day routine maintenance and upkeep continues on all Athletic Facilities and BCSC outdoor athletic facilities.
- b. Athletic Facilities team is doing a great job of keeping up with outdoor facilities and Hamilton Center Ice Arena.
- c. Hamilton Center Ice Arena construction is going strong and the place is looking really good.
- d. Travis, Carleen and Mark as well as other Parks & Recreation staff members have been working extremely hard with Taylor Bros. and Steve Risting on the Hamilton Center Project.
- e. Final walk through of Hamilton Center Roof will happen mid-June.

Hamilton Center:

- a. Registrations have begun for our group lessons, summer figure skating program, Intro to Hockey programs and Summer Adult League Hockey.
- b. Our ice time is filling up quickly. We are taking reservations for our new rental facilities as well. We are looking forward to a busy, successful, summer session!
- c. We have been closed for the month of May doing major renovations, it has been hectic and loud here, but the changes are major and looking great. No one can wait to see the final product once finished. We are all looking forward to the end result.

3. Casey Ritz reported for Park Operations:

- a. The Maintenance Crew is one of the teams that become busier with events in the parks and facilities. Along with the community events, there was an Eagle Scout project at 9th Street. They assisted with pouring a pad with a bench and sidewalk.
- b. The crew in the garage has done a great job with keeping all of the equipment serviced and performing their monthly maintenance scheduled work. Another project this month was working with the grounds crew to remove the logs from the north pond at Mill Race Park.
- c. The Grounds Crew, along with removing the logs from the pond, also helped with the Mayor's clean-up project around 11th and Washington. The crew planted the last of the spring trees and annual flowers. They also had some flood clean up and storm damage to handle. The mowing crew has been working hard to keep up with the spring growth including the guys taking care of the City Cemetery.
- d. The Cleaning Crew has been busy with the shelter rentals and their cleaning. The crew has been working to meet the demand of the weekend tournaments at our sport facilities. Cleaning of the restrooms and picking up the ground litter has increased with the warmer weather.
- e. The FFY Crew has been working on preparing for more children in the facility with the school year ending. They have been working on repairs and cleaning. They also had help hosting the After Prom at FFY. The crew is working on a list of projects to complete during our summer shut down.
- f. The Donner Crew has been working in preparation for the pool opening. They have helped with filling the pools and performed maintenance on the pools. They also have had several

rentals and events in the facility. The crew has also been a big help with all the construction and roof replacement underway at Donner Center.

- g. The Commons Crew was busy with 21 rentals and 42 meetings in the conference spaces. They also had several field trips who visited the Commons and we hosted approximately 650 kids. The crew made several repairs in the building along with changing the pre-filters on the HVAC system.

4. Jim Lemke reported for Aquatics:

- a. DAC opened Memorial Day weekend and had great weather to begin the season. While BCSC finished their last 2 weeks of school the pool was open from 4-7pm on the weekdays and noon – 6pm on the weekends. DAC started normal summer operating hours on June 9th. Year to date 5,390 people have attended DAC and 715 residents have enjoyed Free Swim which is the last hour of every day.
- b. Jaime Miller Swim Meet was held June 6, 7, and 8. There were approximately 565 swimmers who participated in this year's swim meet. Thanks to Donner Staff, Donner Swim Club and Club Volunteers – due to their efforts, the meet went well as usual.
- c. The first session of swim lessons started this week with 339 swimmers registered in this session.
- d. Some events we have coming up include the Columbus Youth Triathlon on June 14th and a training session that includes Lifeguards and CFD.

5. Shanda Sasse reported for The Commons:

- a. May events included 42 non-profit meetings in our two conference rooms and 21 rental events (13 private / 7 free to public / 1 ticketed). Estimated count for rental events was 5,500 guests. Below are some highlights for the month...
 - May 1st
 - National Day of Prayer Service took place in the performance hall – Approximately 250 guests attended.
 - May 2nd
 - CAAC's First Fridays for Families – Approximately 350 guests enjoyed a performance of Sleeping Beauty
 - May 3rd
 - BCSC Prom - Downtown was alive with excitement as students from North and East High Schools danced the night away in the performance hall.
 - May 5th
 - Economic Development Annual Meeting – Approximately 425 guests attended this luncheon event. Mitch Daniels was the keynote speaker.
 - May 20th
 - Students from Columbus North High School showcased their Senior Projects.
 - May 22nd
 - Northside Middle School Global Pathways – Approximately 160 students showcased projects for family & friends in the performance hall.
 - May 27th
 - Donorama – Sponsored by the American Red Cross
 - May 28th
 - May National Health Awareness Expo – Presented by WellConnect and Columbus Regional Hospital in the Lower Lobby
 - **Jordy McTaggart's – Is OPEN!!!**
 - **Food Service Space #108 – A proposal was received from a prospective tenant and is being reviewed by the Tenant Review Committee.**

6. April Williams' reported the following for Project, Resource Development:

a. *Current projects:*

- Much of the construction has been completed for Hamilton Center. As we wrap up the thank you's, confirm recognitions and finalize pledges and commitments, we near the close of the Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena Restoration Campaign. We are grateful to many of those in the community that recognized that Hamilton Center is not ONLY an ice arena or special interest facility but a unique staple in our community that has served many children and families in a variety of ways for nearly 60 years. What a wonderful statement it is and will be to see the names, of those who treasure this great architectural and recreational contribution to our City, listed on a beautiful granite plaque when entering Hamilton. It is with deepest gratitude that I commend Jim Henderson and Eric Neal for leading this successful effort. It will be a pleasure this fall to celebrate with all those that made this possible. If you have not yet visited Hamilton, please make sure you stop in and see the transformation!
- Our first Adopt A Trail clean-up on May 12th in coordination with May Bike Month was a huge success! Volunteers contributed from Cummins, Bicycle Station, IUPUC, the Learning Center, and Walmart East. Trees and flowers were planted to enhance our trails. We had over 90 volunteers covering all of the multi-use portions of the People Trail from 8-4:30 pm. Volunteers were from Cummins Fuel Systems, COM, CEP and CES, IUPUC/Education Coalition, Bicycle Station and Walmart East continue to work with our Americorp member, Dick Boyce, to grow Adopt A Trail and the upcoming Adopt a Park.
- The May 17th Bicycle Challenge was a great success. We hope you and your friends/family were able to join us. All proceeds assist in underwriting maintenance costs for our People Trail Network. We raised a total of \$5,685.00 from 203 participants. Thanks to our volunteer staff: Cindy Brummett, Jessica Prowant, Jillian Keller, Brenda Manns and Derrick Lacy and Allen Wright from Park Operations, it was a well-organized event. Special thanks to White River Broadcasting for the coverage and our Park Foundation Board Members Doug Fauth, Imelda Vazquez and Dave Hayward for assisting with the program. Special thanks to Ben Wagner, Ken Lanteigne and Michael Whitworth for their assistance as well.

b. People Trails

- Coordination of engineering and design for Clifty Park extension, Haw Creek trail, and Downtown trail.
- Working with Heather Pope on the Downtown Trail, Phase 1 section, East section from State Street to Lafayette. Presented to the Redevelopment Commission, for the City owned properties (four parcels of 2nd Street properties), requesting easements to construct a multi-use trail. Members agreed this was a value to the City and any potential investor(s) in the property. We will provide the legal description and agreement at the next Redevelopment Commission meeting in June.
- The Race2Play Reunion Celebration on June 5th at three of our parks: 9th Street, Pence Street and Morningside Parks, was a wonderful success. Children and families came out to celebrate as Kiwanis volunteers managed the cookouts; FFY, Parks & Rec and kidscommons provided children's activities; Alan Trisler from Audio Entertainment and White River Broadcasting provided entertainment; Hackman Farm Market and Cummins provided the Come Out & Grow Gardens, and Natural Resources Conservation Services provided rain barrels for decorating. We are so very grateful for all of our continued support from private funders for this initiative. This Friday, June 13th is our first Friday Night Flicks at Pence Street Park. We are teaming up with Meridian Kiwanis to offer Race2 Bicycle Safety for children.
- Working with 5th Street Yoga owner to plan the Colorflow Yoga in the Park fundraising event on August 9th at Mill Race Park.

- Planning the 3rd Annual Sneakers At Starlight event on September 13th at Mill Race Round Lake . Thanks to a great planning committee: Julie Aton, Jenny Kim, Kevina Schumaker, John Wischmeier, Allison Ritz, Alan Trisler, Michelle Aton, Victoria Glick and Vicki Griffin. We are well on our way to another successful and fun event!
- Attending Community Advisory Council for CAMPO and Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee to implement the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in the design of our roadways and People Trail Network.

Thank you for your service!
April Williams

c: Mayor Kristen Brown
Councilman Dascal Bunch
Jeff Logston
Parks & Recreation FT Employees